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SUBJECT: SANKEI PHONE SURVEY ANTICIPATING FUKUDA REGIME

1. THE DECEMBER 22 DAILY "SANKEI" REPORTED THE RESULTS OF

TELEPHONE INTERVIEWS WITH A SAMPLE OF 1200 TOKYO AND OSAKA AREA
RESIDENTS AGED 15 TO 64 ON THEIR THINKING ABOUT THE UPCOMING
FUKUDA REGIME. COMPLETED INTERVIEWS TOTALED 984. JUST OVER
HALF (54 PERCENT) SAID THEY THOUGHT PM MIKI HAD MADE A GOOD
EFFORT TO CORRECT THE LDP'S STANCE, WHILE 28 PERCENT DID NOT
THINK SO. ON THE OTHER HAND, ONLY 29 PERCENT GAVE HIM "PASSING
MARKS" VERSUS 52 PERCENT WHO DID NOT.; A BIGGER MAJORITY (61
PERCENT) THOUGHT THAT FUKUDA'S TAKING OVER AS PREMIER WOULD NOT
ALTER JAPANESE POLITICS.

2. MEASURES THAT RESPONDENTS MOST WANTED FUKUDA'S GOVERNMENT
TO PUSH WERE PRICE STABILIZATION (76 PERCENT), LARGE SCALE TAX
REDUCTIONS (50 PERCENT), RESTORATION OF BUSINESS VIGOR (49 PERCENT),
SOCIAL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS (24 PERCENT) AND ELIMINATING FEAR OF
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UNEMPLOYMENT (21 PERCENT). TEN PERCENT NAMED "RESOLVING THE

PROBLEM OF FISING ZONES." OF THE BUSINESS LEFT OVER BY THE
MIKI REGIME, THINGS THAT RESPONDENTS MOST WANT THE FUKUDA FORCES
TO TAKE ON WERE CLEARING UP THE LOCKHEED CASE (40 PERCENT),
MEASURES TO BLOCK POLITICAL CORRUPTION (28 PERCENT) AND REFORM

OF THE LDP'S SYSTEM FOR CHOOSING A PARTY PRESIDENT (13 PERCENT).

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